

special officers. The officers may issue and serve CITATIONS AND summonses to appear before the appropriate division of the District Court in proceedings for enforcement of any City CODE, ordinance, REGULATION, OR PROVISION OF PUBLIC LOCAL LAW pertaining to [its] building, housing, zoning, fire, public health and sanitation [codes].

(2) THESE OFFICERS MAY RECEIVE COMPLAINTS AND INVESTIGATE ALL VIOLATIONS ENUMERATED IN PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION AND ALL VIOLATIONS OF ANY STATE LAW OR REGULATION CONCERNING BUILDINGS, PUBLIC HEALTH, FIRE, OR SANITATION REPORTED TO THEM BY ANY STATE DEPARTMENT OR AGENCY.

(3) THE OFFICERS MAY NOT ARREST OR TAKE INTO CUSTODY ANY VIOLATOR UNDER THIS SUBSECTION OR OTHERWISE HAVE THE POWER OF ARREST IN THEIR OFFICIAL CAPACITY. A RECORD OF APPOINTMENT OF OFFICERS SHALL BE KEPT BY THE COMMISSIONER AND ANY APPOINTMENT MAY BE REVOKED BY THE COMMISSIONER AT ANY TIME. THE FORM OF BADGE AND THE TYPE OF UNIFORM THAT MAY BE WORN BY THE SPECIAL ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS SHALL BE APPROVED BY THE POLICE COMMISSIONER.

(B) THESE OFFICERS MAY ISSUE CITATIONS PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION (A) OF THIS SECTION REQUIRING A RECIPIENT TO STAND TRIAL FOR A VIOLATION OR, ALTERNATIVELY, TO PREPAY A SPECIFIED FINE.

(C) THE CITY OF BALTIMORE SHALL DESIGNATE BY ORDINANCE THE VIOLATIONS FOR WHICH CITATIONS MAY BE ISSUED AND THE AMOUNT OF THE FINE FOR EACH VIOLATION. THE AMOUNT OF THE FINE SHALL BE WITHIN THE RANGE OF A PETTY OFFENSE BUT MAY NOT EXCEED THE MAXIMUM MONETARY PENALTY PROVIDED BY THE ORDINANCE OR OTHER LAW THAT HAS BEEN VIOLATED. A VIOLATION FOR WHICH INCARCERATION IS A PENALTY MAY NOT BE CHARGED BY PREPAYABLE CITATION.

(1) ON EACH CITATION THE ISSUING OFFICER SHALL SIGN A CERTIFICATION UNDER PENALTY OF PERJURY THAT THE FACTS CONTAINED IN THE CITATION ARE TRUE TO THE BEST OF THE OFFICER'S INFORMATION, KNOWLEDGE, AND BELIEF.

(2) PROMPTLY AFTER ISSUANCE AND SERVICE, THE ISSUING OFFICER SHALL FILE THE ORIGINAL OF EACH CITATION IN THE APPROPRIATE DIVISION OF THE DISTRICT COURT.

(3) A CERTIFIED AND FILED CITATION SHALL CONSTITUTE PRIMA FACIE EVIDENCE OF THE FACTS CONTAINED IF--

(i) THE RECIPIENT WAIVES TRIAL AND PREPAYS THE FINE;--OR

(ii)--THE-PRESENCE-OF-THE-ISSUING-OFFICER-IS-NOT REQUESTED-AT-TRIAL.